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before we saw it. A few are said to have been caught at the same place earlier in the summer.

Mola mola (Linn.). "Sunfish." One was taken by William D. Parsons, Jr., on July 15 at sea south of Montauk Point. It was captured with Swordfish tackle, and cut up for use as lobster bait.

Merluccius bilinearis (Mitchill) "Whiting." A few of these fish were taken by a pound-net fisherman on August 11.

Urophycis chuss (Walbaum) "Ling." A small specimen was picked out of a boatload of pound-net fish on August 11.

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NOTES ON FISHES NEAR NEW YORK.

In COPEIA No. 2, February, 1914, occur dates of local occurrence of marine fishes in autumn and early winter. Examination of Dr. Wiegmann's notes shows a number of records which are late or otherwise of interest, not published at that time. With these we here include one or two records of specimens received at the American Museum of Natural History.

Mustelus canis. December 13, 1913 (Coney Island).

Galeocerdo tigrinus. A large tiger shark was captured off Islip, Long Island, Sept. 11, 1915. The head was sent to the American Museum by Captain John C. Doxsee.

Raja ocellata. December 30, 1911 (Seventeen-fathom Banks).

Leptocephalus conger. "Silver Eel." December 30, 1911 (Seventeen-fathom Banks).

Pomolobus pseudoharengus. December 18, 1913 (Coney Island).

Brevoortia tyrannus. December 5, 1913 (Coney Island).

Stolephorus mitchilli. October 30, 1913 (Coney Island).

Synodus foetens. October 30, 1913 (Coney Island).

Hyporhamphus roberti. October 16, 1913 (Coney Island).

Fistularia tabacaria. October 16, 1913 (Coney Island).

Siphostoma fuscum. December 13, 1913 (Coney Island).

Sphyraena borealis. The record for Nov. 16, in COPEIA, No. 2, was of a specimen 176 mm. in total length, taken in 1912 not 1913.

Vomer setipinnis. October 30, 1913 (Coney Island).

Trachinotus carolinus. October 30, 1913 (Coney Island).

Pomatomus saltatrix. October 16, 1913 (Coney Island).

Pseudopriacanthus altus. A specimen of this rare fish, 38 mm. in total length. October 30, 1913 (Coney Island).

Orthopristis chrysopterus. November 17, 1913 (Coney Island).

Bairdiella chrysura. December 18, 1913 (Coney Island).

Leiostomus xanthurus. December 29, 1913 (Coney Island).

Menticirrhus saxatilis. November 4, 1913 (Coney Island). One young.

Pogonias cromis. December 18, 1913 (Coney Island).

Chaetodon ocellatus. October 30, 1913 (Coney Island).

Chilomycterus schoepfi. November 5, 1912 (Long Beach).

Myoxocephalus octodecimspinosus. A few were taken Dec. 29, 1913, at Coney Island, also large masses of their green eggs.

Prionotus strigatus. November 4, 1913 (Coney Island). One young.

Rissola marginata. October 30, 1913 (Coney Island).

Merluccius bilinearis. December 18, 1913 (Coney Island).

Pollachius virens. A young specimen about six inches long, City Island, July 15, 1915, brought to the Museum by Messrs. C. & O. Falkenbach.

Urophycis regius. December 18, 1913 (Coney Island).

Lophopsetta maculata. December 18, 1913 (Coney Island).

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AN ENCOUNTER BETWEEN A BLUE RACER SNAKE, *BASCANION FLAG- ELLIFORMIS* AND A "GOPHER."

A gopher of a species unidentified was running through the grass near my garden gate, and a Blue racer snake was loosely coiled up in the road, apparently on the watch, but not seeing me. As soon as the gopher became aware of the presence of the snake it darted forward, and commenced circling about the snake and from time to time running in and nipping at the body of the snake, and jumping back. The snake turned its head about constantly, watching the gopher, and twice it made ineffectual strikes at the running animal, with its open mouth. After some minutes of this kind of thing the gopher ran for its burrow and the snake thrust out its tongue and started towards the house, and being headed off, climbed up a small juniper tree, from which it was dislodged, and allowed to escape, which it did with incredible speed. I witnessed no evidence whatever of the power which it is popularly believed snakes